

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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Sent via email to: john@greenewald.com

Mr. John Greenewald The Black Vault 27305 W. Live Oak Rd Suite # 1203 Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is our response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) referral from the OSD/JS FOIA office. Your original request was dated February 1, 2021 and forwarded to our office on October 25, 2021 under referral number 21-F-0511. Upon receipt your request was inputted into FOIA online and assigned FOA case tracking number DON-NAVY-2022-000883.

You requested: "Security Classification Guide" located within your agency, which pertain to any of the following: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) Task Force or the "UAPTF" and/or "Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification program" or "AATIP" (also referred to as the "Advanced Aviation Threat Identification Program") and/or "Unidentified Flying Objects" or UFOs and/or "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena" or "UAPs""

In an effort to assist you, we consulted with the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance (DCNO N2/N6) to conduct a search and locate any records responsive to your request.

N2N6 informed this office that they located one record totaling 10 pages. Upon review of the record it has been determined that some portions are denied under FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), in accordance Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4 part (c) as it pertains to intelligence activities (including covert action), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology.

It has also been determined that some portions are denied under FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) since release of this information would since release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of individual's personal privacy, in this instance the names of third-party

individuals, and phone number were redacted. The remainder of the document is released to you.

You have the right to an appeal within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. There are two ways to file an appeal: through FOIAonline or by mail.

- (1) Through FOIAonline. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIAonline before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIAonline (this is a website that will appear as the top hit if you search the internet for "FOIAonline"), click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will have the power to file an appeal on FOIAonline to any request you file on FOIAonline thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.
  - (2) By mail. Address your appeal to:

The Judge Advocate General (Code 14) 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000 Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

If filing an appeal by mail please provide a letter that explains what you are appealing with any supporting arguments or reasons you think may be worthy of consideration;

- b. A copy of your initial request;
- c. A copy of the letter of denial.

Also, please provide me a copy of your appeal letter at:

DONFOIA-PA@NAVY. MIL

Questions regarding the action this office has taken during the processing of your request may be directed to our FOIA service center at (202) 685-0412 or via email at <a href="DONFOIA-PA@navy.mil">DONFOIA-PA@navy.mil</a>, and reference the FOIA tracking numbers cited above.

Sincerely,

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